

Statement for the Record
Senator David Perdue
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It is my honor to support Major General Bob McMahon, U.S.A.F. retired, for his nomination to serve as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Materiel Readiness.

I have known Bob for a number of years, and he has distinguished himself as a servant leader and pillar of support for the local base and community. General McMahon brings to the table 39 years of proven leadership while in uniform, in business, and in nonprofit service to his community, which happens to be my home town of Warner Robins, Georgia.

While on active duty, General McMahon's assignments included: Commander, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center; Director of Logistics, Headquarters United States Air Force; Director of Logistics, Air Mobility Command; and Commander, 309th Maintenance Wing, Ogden Air Logistics Center. His time in the Air Force shows a track record of proven leadership and mission-impacting success. He served as a driving force for revitalizing productivity in three separate Air Force depot operations; guided the enterprise management of the Air Force's F-15, C-5, C-130, and Special Operations fleets during a time of war, ensuring combat effectiveness while concurrently driving down costs; and was lauded by the Air Force for creating the premier environmentally focused industrial military installation that was specifically recognized for ground water treatment, air quality, and environmental restoration programs. Further, he has worked to build relationships with Capitol Hill and understands the need for forthright and frequent communication and accountability for taxpayer dollars.

In his new role, General McMahon will be charged with the tall order of advising Pentagon leadership on logistics and materiel readiness, and will serve as the principal logistics official in the Department of Defense. Strong leadership is needed in this role as we face a significant readiness crisis, including Navy aviation depot backlogs, unforeseen repairs needed due to collisions in the Pacific, and the constant effort to reset and restore equipment in perpetual use for the past 16 years of conflict without a significant recapitalization.

General McMahon's experience in both the public and private sectors make him uniquely qualified to join the stellar team at the Department of Defense that Secretary Mattis and President Trump are assembling. I full heartedly support General McMahon for this position. Given his passion for the military, his service to his country and his patriotism, I know that if confirmed, General McMahon will serve the Department and the nation well.